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Building Inspections Office
City of Portland, Maine
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Subject: Mercy at the Fore
195 Fore River Parkway
Applicant: Mercy Hospital
Fence Installation Permit Application

To Whom It May Concern:

As an Agent of Mercy Hospital, we are pleased to provide the accompanying Building Permit Application for their proposed chain link fence to be installed along the perimeter property boundary at the Fore River Campus.

Included with this submission are the following plans and information:

- General Building Permit Application and Checklist
- Site Plans including Existing Conditions and Boundary Survey (1 sheet)

The proposed work involves removal of an existing chain link fence that was previously installed as a temporary measure during the original construction that occurred in 2006-2008. This fence was not intended as a permanent measure and has resulted in various issues. The items below are but a few of the issues that Mercy is seeking to overcome by installing a new fence:

1. Mercy has had numerous attempts to breach the fence on a weekly basis. This is why they are replacing the 6' temporary fence with a permanent fence 7' fence which is anchored more securely.

2. There has been a persistent issue with homeless people attempting to find shelter on Mercy property. Some are using Mercy property to access the underside of the Veteran's bridge.

3. Intoxicated individuals have established campsites on railroad or county property and have attempted to cross Mercy Property via breaching the fence.

4. The current temporary fence, although a deterrent is not completely effective in preventing the traffic across the railroad tracks which presents a public safety hazard.

5. The bordering properties are industrial/commercial in nature and this fence would improve the property and be more aesthetically pleasing than the current temporary fencing. The fence would be black vinyl covered matching existing fencing on the property and the city property.

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6. Mercy has repeatedly reported issues with intoxicated individuals to the Police and County officials. We are attempting to address a serious public safety issue by discouraging these intoxicated individuals from attempting to cross the railroad tracks in this area.

7. The fencing would redirect pedestrian traffic to approved railroad crossings and or areas with more pedestrian traffic where the train travels at a slower rate of speed.

Generally speaking, the fence will be placed approximately 1' off the property boundary as identified on the accompanying plan. Mercy has retained Owen Haskell, Inc. to identify and mark in the field the existing boundary alignment. The contractor will complete all dig-safe notifications and they will comply with various utility and railroad requirements for engaging safety personnel and related measures for any work that occurs in the vicinity of the rail property. Please accept these application materials for processing and contact this office with the appropriate fee for these activities. Mercy Hospital will promptly provide the application fee within 24 hours of said notice. Mercy's schedule includes immediate construction hence we would appreciate an immediate reply from the Department regarding this request. The overall project costs is expected to be about $75,000.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE, LLC

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Enclosures: Application materials including plans and documents

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